



**ROTARY CLUB
OF WAGGA WAGGA**

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THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BULLETIN NO: 31

Thursday 20th February, 2020.

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH.

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated below).

Duty Officers' Roster: -

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

Date:	Thursday 27 th February	Thursday 5 th March	Thursday 12 th March
PROGRAMME:	Jesse Tenhave TAFE Leadership Award Recipient.	SOCIAL NIGHT	PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS NIGHT
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker Marion Moran	Karel Bijker Lyndal Seymour	Karel Bijker Alf Barzen
GREETER:	Barry Francis	John Heazlewood	Neil Hilpern
SHORT & SWEET:	Vicky Donoghue	Bryan Short	Barry Francis
FINES-MASTER:	David Wynne	Paul Galloway	Mary Ann Kelly
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	David Kennedy	Elaine Almond	Not Required
VOTE OF THANKS:	Ellen Brasier	Allan Duffus	Not Required
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Peter Veerhuis	Bryan Short	Don Pembleton

Invocation: *For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.*

Unable to attend a meeting? **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE ☐ 6922 6444** by 2.30 pm

Wednesday (or pre-record it in the book provided at the meeting attendance table – IN BLOCK LETTERS).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.

Thirty-five members were present at our social evening held at our Book-sort Venue in Copland Street. It was good to see Gary Roberts joining us again, and our honorary member Peter Harding turned up to give us a hand.

Apologies were received from Alf Barzen, Alok Sharma, Allan Duffus. Peter Smart, Vida Smart, Bryan Short, Tony Hutchinson, Bill Prest, Gerry Page, Nepal Gosh, Don Pembleton, Howard Mendel & Rajinder Singh.



Much progress was made with the books this week. Members worked hard to sort through the many boxes and bags of books which had built up as a result of the various pick-ups throughout past weeks. Two skips of 'discards' were accumulated, and a huge number of quality books were sorted into boxes ready for sale.

The barbecue team provided an excellent meal for all members once again.

Administration Matters.

President David raised the following points:



- The Membership Committee was asked to meet briefly at the conclusion of the evening's proceedings. New names and ideas are still being sought for the meeting of 12 March.
- **This coming Thursday, BEFORE THE MEETING**, a workshop will be held looking at the design of the **new Club Website**. 5 pm start.
- A **BOARD MEETING** will be held **AFTER THE NEXT MEETING**.
- **RYDA** on 17-20 March is a joint Rotary Clubs event. Our club is responsible for **Thursday 19th March**. At least 6 volunteers are needed from our club for this day. Also, a new co-ordinator and secretary are being sought for next year. Please give it some thought.
- **Dream Cricket**: David Wynne is to represent our club on the committee to establish this program.
- **Club trip to Tumbarumba has been deferred** until further notice. **David Cannon** will advise when a suitable Club visit can be arranged. He provided some very interesting statistics regarding the fires. These make very sobering reading, and are reproduced at the end of this bulletin.
- Our club will be providing a **barbecue in Tumbarumba** on **Saturday 7th March** at **4.30 pm**. Terry would welcome a few more hands. A strong club presence is requested.

- **This Sunday** (23rd Feb) at the Riverina Playhouse, the **Rotary Peace Awards** will be held at 11.00 am. As many members as possible to attend.
- **Struggle Street Family – Nangus.** Ellen reported that she and Elaine (along with members of the Merimbula Club and other local Clubs) inspected the conditions that this family are living under and were shocked. Four are sleeping in one room and the roof leaks badly. Thus the roof will be the first to receive attention. This is a project co-ordinated by the Merimbula Rotary Club and they have called on our Wagga Club to supply about 6 volunteers who are prepared to help when needed. You don't have to be a "Tradie". Wagga Rotary is one of just 3 local clubs involved. This is the first project undertaken by the new District 9705.
- **District Conference** is coming up at Temora on 20-22nd March. Register now.
- **Centurion Club Members** have climbed to 37 participating members, which means we have contributed \$3,700
- **Lillier Lodge involvement.** Our next undertaking at Lillier Lodge will be a **barbecue on 4th March.** Terry has asked those attending to **bring a salad.** It is anticipated that there will be about 35 people to cater for, including us. **Please be there before 6.30 pm.** In June we will be hosting a Casserole Evening.
- **Graham Russell** was impressed with the number of books sorted for the evening and then went on to outline the roster that has developed to pick up the books from Elders and the Salvation Army:
 - **12.20 pm on TUESDAYS** – pick up from **Elders**
 - **Thursdays - Salvos** – being handled by Lyndall, Graeme C & Graham R.
 - **Fridays – Elders** being handled by Bruce Barber who will be away in October and will need a replacement.
There is a list of members with trucks and others who are available and Lyndall will call on these volunteers if they are needed.

Report from Alok Sharma.

Phil Cross gave a short report on the success and statistics that Alok sent through last Sunday.

- 1,500 people attended and were fed.
- 982 patients
- 256 Cataract operations
- 23 treated for high blood pressure
- 292 pairs of glasses supplied
- Medicines supplied to most patients
- Our Club has approved payment of \$1,500 so far.
It was also Alok's birthday and his mother's 80th birthday

A Member will be missed.....

John Studdert has advised the club of his retirement.

We wish him continued success with all future events and hope that he will still drop in and say g'day at some of our future meetings. He will be sorely missed and has been such a moving force in our club over many years.

John very capably filled the role of Assistant Treasurer, and with his retirement, the Club is now searching for a replacement.

NEXT MEETING: -

Next week we will return to the Country Club, where we will welcome Jesse Tenhave, the TAFE Leadership Award Recipient.

THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

- ◆ 23rd Feb 2020 Rotary Peace Ceremony (11am start)
- ◆ 4th March 2020 Catering At Lilier Lodge. (BBQ—bring a salad)
- ◆ 19th March 2020 RYDA at Wagga Showground
- ◆ 20-22nd March 2020 Final D9700 Conference (Temora).
- ◆ 28th March Wollundry Rotary's Food & Wine Festival.
- ◆ 2-3rd May 2020 Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR.
- ◆ 3rd June 2020 Catering At Lilier Lodge. (Casserole Night)
- ◆ 6-10th June 2020 Rotary International Convention – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(1st Mar – 7^h Mar)

- Birthdays:** John Heazlewood (2/3), Howard Mendel (4/3)
- Rotary Anniversaries:** John Studdert (5/3/98) & Paul Galloway (6/3/03 + Wagga 79/91).
- Wedding Anniversaries:** Nil.

Bushfire Statistics:

These statistics reflect the impact in our 'immediate' area.... incorporating Tumbarumba, Batlow, Adelong and smaller centres.

- a. 182 houses destroyed
- b. 44 houses damaged
- c. 46 Government facilities destroyed
- d. 587 Out-buildings destroyed
- e. 741 Rural landholders impacted
- f. 402,650 hectares of farmland destroyed
- g. A similar area of National Park and Forestry destroyed.

Other Comments.

- All people who have been impacted have to put in coroner's report
- Legal Aid is very keen to support anyone when the insurance company won't play ball.
- The renewal of fencing with Government agencies is a huge issue.
- The removal of timber inside the boundaries of National Parks and Forestry is a huge issue also. For future fireproofing and fire control, 50 metres (minimum) needs to be removed.
- This recovery may take years – people need support, especially the older people who have had a lifetime of work wiped out.

KOOKABURRAS



Two workers were standing outside a building looking up at a flagpole.
A lady walked by and asked what they were doing.

“We need to find out the height of this flagpole,” said one worker. “But we don’t have a ladder.”

The lady opened her bag, took out a spanner, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took out a tape measure, measured the flagpole and said “Ten metres and 3 centimetres.” And with that she walked off.

One worker shook his head and said: “Lotta good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!”

